

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 8 to reflect its dependency from claim 7. New independent claim 9 and dependent claims 10-12 have been added. Claim 8 was amended to correct a grammatical error and not to avoid prior art.

Claims 1-7 stand as originally submitted. The following argument is presented to rebut the Examiner's 35 USC 102 rejection of claims 1-8 on the basis of U.S. Pat. No. 2,699,877 issued to Huston.

Pending independent claim 1 provides the following limitation: "arc displacing said conveyors substantially 180 degrees over the vehicle to the opposite side." Pending independent claim 3 provides the following limitation: "each of said displaceable arms capable of displacing a respective conveyor in a substantially 180 degree arc over said vehicle."

The invention taught by Huston is incapable of a 180 degree displacement. The Examiner states ref 26 in Figures 3 and 12 of Huston illustrate a displaceable arm. In Huston, displacement occurs as a result of a pivot point which allows the arm to be pivoted from essentially a horizontal position in Fig. 2 to a raised 90 degree position for transport purposes in Fig. 12. In fact, Applicant discloses this feature in Fig. 25 for transport purposes to and from a field.

The 90 degree pivot movement disclosed in Huston does not cover or read upon the elements of claims 1 and 3 described earlier. Applicant's 180 degree movement of a conveyor system is for purposes of repositioning to an opposite side of the vehicle for continuing the

harvesting operation; not for transport away from the field. The Huston reference does not teach this feature of Applicant's invention.

Since independent claims 1 and 3 have features not present or suggested by the prior art, they as well as their respective dependent claims 2 and 4-8 should be allowable.

New independent claim 9 finds support in Figure 1 as well as in the specification. Para [0014] describes the pallet conveyor in parallel relation to the conveyor belt system. Para [0016] describes a work platform on each opposing side of the pallet conveyor. Independent claim 9 and dependent claims 10-12 should also be in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes the Examiner's rejection has been overcome by argument without the need to amend claims. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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